

Nirendra Nath Thakuria's Poems

A Dozen Monostichs

1. *Sacrifice*

The mother crab knows what sacrifice means!

2. *Indiscriminate*

Does the blood-sucking leech discriminate the complexion of the skin?

3. *Sighting*

The earthworm never gazes at the shooting star.

4. *Beware*

Even a cobra is harmless, if you keep a safe distance!

5. *Earth shaking*

Even a river flows back when a volcano erupts at the river mouth!

6. *Why Commission*

The honey bees demand no commission for making beehives!

7. *Nation-building*

No example is better than a coral island.

8. *Nosestring*

If the beast is used to the nosestring, it is broken for life.

9. *Dignity*

For bees, stinging is an honorable death!

10. *Kite*

I'm all freedom but the flying line.

11. *Poetry*

Like sprout leaves I grow in the poet's heart.

12. *Zubeen Garg*

Death fails to prove biological Zubeen is mortal.

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